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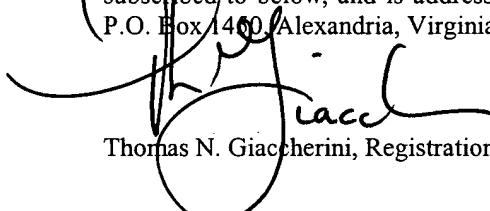
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FIRST AMENDMENT

The Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Applicants submit this First Amendment in response to the First Office Action dated 2 October 2003. The First Office Action provided a shortened statutory period for response which expired on 2 January 2004. This First Amendment is accompanied by a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time, which will extend the period for response until 2 April 2004.

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APPLICATION HISTORY

In the First Office Action mailed on 2 October 2003, the Patent Office issued a non-final rejection of pending Claims 1-24 under 35 USC Sections 112, 102 and 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6 029 045 issued to Picco et al.

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